

embodied the community spirit that makes our country so great.

George Hoddy, an extraordinarily accomplished businessman, booster, and philanthropist in Owosso, Michigan, died on Sunday at the age of 105. His life is an example for all Americans.

He moved to Owosso in 1936 as an enterprising young man, driven by a truly American spirit to provide jobs and help Owosso recover from the Great Depression.

He founded Universal Electric Company in Owosso, becoming a community icon and providing steady employment for thousands. George was a constant innovator, developing ideas and obtaining 32 patents in the small-motor field.

Not content with simply being a business leader, George was also icon in many community organizations. A run-down of just a few of those include Memorial Healthcare, the Rotary Club, the Boy Scouts, Shiawassee YMCA and YWCA, Shiawassee United Way, Owosso-Corunna Area Chamber of Commerce, Owosso Industrial Development Corporation, the Shiawassee Foundation. His service truly was life-long: he was a Mason for more than 80 years.

And there are many more. George's involvement illustrates how working together and giving back can better one's community.

One of his crowning achievements was to encourage Baker College to come to Owosso. He served as the original Board of Regents chair for Baker College of Owosso. Most recently, he donated his home and four other buildings to the school, and established a scholarship in his and wife Lois's names there.

He has been, rightly, called an "honorary founding father" by Owosso's Mayor. George Hoddy's belief in and commitment to the founding strengths our nation; free enterprise, limited government, and involvement in his community made him a giant among men. I valued his friendship and counsel. His life was one to be truly celebrated.

HONORING JENNIFER SOPER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jennifer Soper of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Jennifer is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Emerging Leader.

As managing attorney for the local office of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Jennifer leads the largest individual unit within the organization. She has dedicated her career to assisting the underprivileged and victims of abuse, and serves on several councils and committees that further the interests of the less fortunate and minority groups. Some of her accomplishments include developing educational brochures in multiple languages to inform clients of their rights and obligations, facilitating programs to disperse that information, teaching a course in family law, and recruiting interns.

Jennifer demonstrates excellence in her various roles as a volunteer. Her impact has been extensive, both to the individuals she is working to serve and to her co-workers whom she serves alongside.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Jennifer Soper. Her achievements and selfless acts of service have impacted countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2142, The Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act. This legislation will force federal agencies and Congress to confront a crucial question: does the government we have operate as efficiently and responsibly as possible? By requiring agency heads to set measurable goals, subjecting identified programs to frequent assessments, and by enhancing transparency, this bill goes a long way towards creating an accountable, results-oriented government.

Before coming to Congress, I was a scientist and a businessman. In both science and business, data, clear metrics, and measurable goals guide any successful endeavor. The same should be true of the federal government. Whenever taxpayer dollars are spent, the American people deserve to know whether they're getting their money's worth. This means identifying which agencies are working, and which are not.

With deficits on an unsustainable long-term course, we must have a mechanism in place to ferret out wasteful spending and not hesitate to slash underperforming programs. This bill not only puts in place that mechanism, but it also allows the public to participate in the process. Agencies will be required to consider public input on program goals and the criteria by which they are assessed.

This bill is a victory for accountable government and the American taxpayer. Those who oppose it will say that it does not go far and fast enough, but they will not dispute that it is a step in the right direction. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

MEDIA HELPS ATTORNEY GENERAL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the media recently covered a meeting between Attorney General Holder and police chiefs who oppose Arizona's new immigration enforcement law. The stories left readers with the impression their views were representative of law enforcement officers.

That's not the case, as Investor's Business Daily has pointed out:

The meeting was "staged by a liberal Washington lobby group . . ." that "describes itself

as a 'progressive' organization 'challenging traditional police practices.'"

They are "partnered with the ACLU and [have] lobbied against even federal enforcement of immigration laws."

If a group of self-described "conservative" law enforcement officers had met with Attorney General Holder, the media would have mentioned their bias in the news coverage—if they bothered to cover the story at all.

HONORING LONG-TIME LABOR LEADER, ACTIVIST AND UCLA SCHOLAR MR. JOHN DELLORO

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. John Delloro, who passed on the morning of June 5, 2010, at the young age of 39. My heart goes out to his wife, Dr. Susan Suh, their two young children, Mina and Malcolm, and the rest of John's family and friends.

Delloro was an extraordinary citizen, a powerful advocate for social justice in Los Angeles, our Nation and beyond. He helped improve the lives of many people in his short yet fulfilling life, becoming a nationally recognized labor leader, educator, organizer, teacher and mentor well before the age of 40.

A Bruin through and through, John earned his master's degree in Asian American Studies and his bachelor's degree in Psychology at UCLA. He worked as a lecturer at UCLA's Asian Studies Department for three years, inspiring countless students to become involved and active in their community.

During his tenure as a faculty member at Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Delloro helped groomed a new generation of union leaders, teaching classes in politics and labor, labor leadership and strategic planning for labor unions.

John will always be remembered as a tireless advocate for working men, women and families. He served as manager of the southwest California area of the 90,000 member SEIU Local 1000, the Union of California State Workers and as staff director for the acute care hospital division of SEIU Local 399. He was a dedicated labor leader, spending countless hours organizing workers of all backgrounds, from cooks in Las Vegas to court employees in Los Angeles.

He was also a leading advocate for his own Filipino American and APA community, co-founding the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California and serving as National President of the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, the largest and only national organization dedicated to representing the interests of Asian Pacific American working families.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring my friend John Delloro for his remarkable service and contribution to our country. He has made a true impact on lives of many, and will be sorely missed.